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The Randolph County Public Health Department is reporting the third COVID-19 associated death in Randolph County.

The individual died on Saturday, April 25, 2020, was in their fifties and had multiple underlying health conditions. To protect the privacy of the family, no further information about this individual will be released.

As of 6:30pm on April 25, 2020, there are 126 known confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Randolph County.

Randolph County is experiencing widespread community transmission of the virus. That being so, Randolph County Public Health continues to strongly recommend that all residents take measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue **and/or** cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Practice social distancing:
 - Stay at least 6 feet from other people
 - Do not gather in groups
 - Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings
 - Limit time with others to <10 minutes if you must be >6 feet away from someone

We also continue to urge citizens to follow both the Governor's Stay at Home order to the extent possible, as well as the CDC's recommendation of wearing a cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). Keep in mind that a cloth facemask is **not** a substitute for social distancing and proper hand hygiene.

As always, it is important to make sure the information you are getting about COVID-19 is coming from reliable sources like the Randolph County Public Health Department, CDC, and NCDHHS. For more information, please visit RCPH's website at <http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19>, the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and NCDHHS' website at www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus, which also includes positive COVID-19 case count results in North Carolina.

If you have questions, you may call the Randolph County Coronavirus Hotline at: 336-318-6227, Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm.